



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

**NOTICE SHORTENING ANSWER PERIOD**

**DOCKET OST-98-3361**

On January 22, 1998, Airbus Transport International s.n.c. filed two exemption requests with the Department, one under 49 U.S.C. 41301 to permit it to conduct charter foreign air transportation of property and mail between France and the United States and other charters pursuant to 14 CFR 212 of the Department's regulations (Docket OST-98-3361), the other under 40109(g) to operate one one-way cargo charter flight on February 9, 1998, carrying emergency cabotage traffic (Docket OST-98-3362).

In order to ensure the possibility for timely action in these cases, we have decided to shorten the period within which interested parties may respond to Airbus' application in Docket OST-98-3361, and also expressly to provide for the filing of replies in that docket.<sup>1</sup>

Accordingly, consistent with the provisions of 14 CFR §302.406-7, we will require that answers to Airbus' application in Docket OST-98-3361 be filed no later than close of business Wednesday, February 4, 1998. Replies shall be due by 3 p.m., Thursday, February 5, 1998. In consideration of the accelerated procedural dates, we will authorize service of documents by facsimile and by electronic mail.

We will serve this Notice on all parties to Docket OST-98-3361.

Action taken by: Paul L. Gretch, Director  
Office of International Aviation  
under assigned authority (14 CFR 385)

Action date: February 3, 1998

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<sup>1</sup> Regarding its application in Docket OST-98-3362, Airbus informed us that it had polled the parties served with this application and that each party indicated that it did not have aircraft available to conduct the proposed operation, and that it had no comment or did not oppose grant of the requested emergency cabotage authority.